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Dear Sir,

Thank you for accepting our invitation to address the forthcoming workshop on co-operative opportunities in the Victorian electricity industry. The Federation welcomes your interest in promoting electricity co-operatives.

The workshop, co-sponsored by the Federation and Co-operative Energy Ltd, will be held on **Wednesday 31 July, 1 pm to 3 pm** at:

**Room G3, Ground Floor Meeting Room
Uniting Church,
130 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.**

The purpose of the workshop is to explore the possible involvement of existing co-operatives in the provision of electricity services to consumers, particularly in rural Victoria. We are aware of the work undertaken by yourself and the Secretary of the Orbost Power Co-operative Ltd, Mr Ian Pearce, and of your visits to electric co-operatives in the U.S.

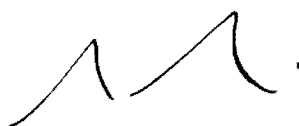
The Federation wishes you to speak on the new Victorian electricity industry, your observations of electric co-operatives in the U.S., and what role co-operatives could play in the electricity industry in Victoria.

We have invited a number of rural and other co-operatives that could be interested in the provision of electricity services to their members, including most on the list sent recently to Mr Ian Pearce by Andrew McAlister.

To foster debate about the co-operative option, the Federation recently released a discussion paper, *Opportunities for Co-operatives in Electricity Industry Restructuring*, which I will post to you shortly.

I will contact you closer to the date to advise of the person whom you would have initial contact at the workshop.

Yours faithfully,



Tony Gill
Secretary